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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Address to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Box RCE, Washington, DC 20231

Application Number:	09/588,364
Filing Date:	June 2, 2000
First Named Inventor:	Mitsuaki OSHIMA
Art Unit:	2132
Examiner Name:	S. Kabakoff
Attorney Docket Number:	MTS-520US1

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114

- a. Previously submitted
 - i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on _____.
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered.)
 - ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____.
iii. Other _____
- b. Enclosed
 - i. Preliminary Amendment/Reply
 - ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
 - iv. Other Three-month Extension of Time.

2. Miscellaneous

- a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of ____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)
- b. Other _____

3. Fees

- a. The Director is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 18-0350.
 - i. RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e) 06/27/2002 AWONDAF1 00000087 09588364
 - ii. Extension of Time fee (37 CFR 1.135 and 1.17) 01 FC:179 740.00 OP
 - iii. Other _____
- b. Two checks in the amount of \$740.00 and \$920.00 are enclosed
- c. Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

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Signature		Date	6/19/02

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Instruction Sheet for RCEs

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NOTES:

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An RCE is not a new application, and filing an RCE will not result in an application being accorded a new filing date.

Filing Qualifications:

The application must be a utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995. The application cannot be a provisional application, a utility or plant application filed before June 8, 1995, a design application, or a patent under reexamination. See 37 CFR 1.114(e).

Filing Requirements:

Prosecution in the application must be closed. Prosecution is closed if the application is under appeal, or the last Office Action is a final action, a notice of allowance, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application (e.g., an Office Action under *Ex parte Quayle*). See 37 CFR 1.114(b).

A submission and a fee are required at the time the RCE is filed. If reply to an Office Action under 35 U.S.C. 132 is outstanding (e.g., the application is under final rejection), the submission must meet the reply requirements of 37 CFR 1.111. If there is no outstanding Office Action, the submission can be an Information Disclosure Statement, an amendment, new arguments, or new evidence. See 37 CFR 1.114(c). The submission may be a previously filed amendment (e.g., an amendment after final rejection).

WARNINGS:

Request for Suspension of Action:

All RCE filing requirements must be met before suspension of action is granted. A request for a suspension of action under 37 CFR 1.103(c) does not satisfy the submission requirement and does not permit the filing of the required submission to be suspended.

Improper RCE will NOT toll Any Time Period:

Before Appeal - If the RCE is improper (e.g., prosecution in the application is not closed or the submission or fee has not been filed) and the application is not under appeal, the time period set forth in the last Office Action will continue to run and the application will be abandoned after the statutory time period has expired if a reply to the Office Action is not timely filed. No additional time will be given to correct the improper RCE.

Under Appeal - If the RCE is improper (e.g., the submission or the fee has not been filed) and the application is under appeal, the improper RCE is effective to withdraw the appeal. Withdrawal of the appeal results in the allowance or abandonment of the application depending on the status of the claims. If there are no allowed claims, the application is abandoned. If there is at least one allowed claim, the application will be passed to issue on the allowed claim(s). See MPEP 1215.01.

See MPEP 706.07(h) for further information on the RCE practice.

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FEET TRANSMITTAL for FY 2002

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Patent fees are subject to annual revision.

TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$ 1,660.00)

METHOD OF PAYMENT (check one)

1. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge indicated fees and credit any over payments to:

Deposit Account Number	18-0350
Deposit Account Name	RatnerPrestia
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Charge Any Additional Fee Required Under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17	
<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27	

2. Payment Enclosed:

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FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Description	Fee Paid
Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)
101	740	201	370
106	330	206	165
107	510	207	255
108	740	208	370
114	160	214	80

SUBTOTAL (1)

(\$ 0)

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

Total Claims	-20**	=	0	X	Fee from below	=	0	Fee Paid
Independent Claims	-3**	=	0	X		=	0	
Multiple Dependent				X		=	0	

Large Entity

Small Entity

Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Description
103	18	203	9	Claims in excess of 20
102	84	202	42	Independent claims in excess of 3
104	280	204	140	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
109	84	209	42	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
110	18	210	9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

SUBTOTAL (2)

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**or number previously paid, if greater; For Reissues, see above

Complete If Known

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3. ADDITIONAL FEES

Large Entity Fee Code	Small Entity Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Fee Description
105	130	205	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath
127	50	227	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet
139	130	139	130	Non-English specification
147	2,520	147	2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination
112	920*	112	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action
113	1,840*	113	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action
115	110	215	55	Extension for reply within first month
116	400	216	200	Extension for reply within second month
117	920	217	460	Extension for reply within third month
118	1,440	218	720	Extension for reply within fourth month
128	1,960	228	980	Extension for reply within fifth month
119	320	219	160	Notice of Appeal
120	320	220	160	Filing a brief in support of an appeal
121	280	221	140	Request for oral hearing
138	1,510	138	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding
140	110	240	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable
141	1,280	241	640	Petition to revive - unintentional
142	1,280	242	640	Utility issue fee (or reissue)
143	460	243	230	Design issue fee
144	620	244	310	Plant issue fee
122	130	122	130	Petitions to the Commissioner
123	50	123	50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)
126	180	126	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt
581	40	581	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)
146	740	246	370	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))
149	740	249	370	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))
179	740	279	370	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)
169	900	169	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application

Other fee (specify) _____

*Reduced by Basic Filing Fee Paid

SUBTOTAL (3)

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Signature				Date	June 19, 2002

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